

In the Claims:

1 (currently amended): A subsea completion comprising:

a wellhead which is installed over a well and ~~from which extends~~  
which includes a side wall and a production fluid conduit which extends through  
the side wall;

a barrier package for controlling fluid flows to or from the well, the  
barrier package being ~~removably located externally of~~ spaced laterally from the  
wellhead and ~~containing~~ comprising at least one production flow control valve  
capable of containing the well pressure in use;

wherein a continuation of the production fluid conduit extending  
away from the wellhead is releasably coupled to the barrier package by a subsea  
matable connector;

whereby the barrier package and components supported within the  
wellhead can be installed and retrieved independently of each other.

2 (currently amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 1,  
wherein further comprising an annulus conduit which extends from the wellhead  
and which has one end in communication with a tubing annulus and its other end  
releasably coupled to the barrier package by a second subsea matable  
connector ~~positioned external to the wellhead.~~

3 (currently amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 2, further  
comprising a tubing hanger having an annulus flow passage which is connected  
to the annulus conduit and ~~which includes a~~ an annulus flow control valve which  
is positioned in the annulus flow passage.

4 (previously presented): A subsea completion as defined in claim 2, further comprising a flow control valve positioned in the annulus conduit.

5 (currently amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 3, wherein the tubing hanger is supported in the wellhead and the completion further comprises a workover conduit which extends from the wellhead and ~~has~~ which comprises one end communicating with a region above the tubing hanger and its other end releasably coupled to the barrier package by a third subsea matable connector ~~that is located external to the wellhead~~.

6 (currently amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 2, wherein the first and second connectors are combined to form a unitary hub connector.

7 (currently amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, further comprising a tubing hanger ~~containing~~ which comprises a flow control valve that is positioned in a production fluid flow passage which is connected to a tubing string.

8 (previously amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, further comprising a flow control valve positioned in the production fluid conduit.

9 (currently amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, ~~wherein the wellhead comprises~~ further comprising a valveless flow spool which is connected to a separate lower wellhead part and in which includes a tubing hanger is supported.

10 (currently amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, wherein the barrier package comprises one or more valves of equivalent function

to corresponding ones of a production wing valve, an annulus wing valve, an annulus valve or a crossover valve.

11 (previously amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, wherein the barrier package comprises a production choke.

12 (previously amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 11, wherein the production choke is releasably connected to the barrier package.

13 (previously amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, wherein the barrier package is supported on a well template.

14 (previously amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 13, wherein the wellhead is rigidly connected to the template.

15 (previously amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 13, wherein the subsea matable connector is integrated into the template.

16 (previously amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 13, wherein the production fluid conduit is structurally integrated into the template.

17 (previously amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 13, wherein the template supports more than one barrier package.

18 (previously amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 13, wherein the template supports a separation module.

19 (previously amended): A subsea completion as defined in claim 1, wherein the barrier package is supported on a manifold.

20 (previously amended): A subsea drilling and production system comprising:

a framework;

a well housing; and

a barrier package removably located externally of the well housing and containing at least one production flow control valve;

wherein the barrier package is located on the framework and during construction of the framework the well housing is rigidly connected to form a part of the framework prior to installation of the system subsea.

21 (previously amended): A subsea drilling and production system comprising:

a plurality of well housings; and

a many-sided framework comprising structural members arranged to support well barrier packages and/or processing modules;

wherein the well housings are located in the corners of the framework and during construction of the framework are rigidly connected to the structural members so as to form a part of the framework prior to installation of the system subsea.

22 (previously amended): A subsea drilling and production system as defined in claim 21, wherein the structural members are arranged in a regular pattern.

23 (previously amended): A subsea drilling and production system as defined in claim 20, wherein the framework is arranged to form a polygon having three or more sides.

24 (previously amended): A subsea drilling and production system as defined in claim 20, wherein the framework includes a plurality of connecting

locations for the barrier packages or modules, and all the modules/packages and connecting locations have a common connecting interface such that the modules/packages can be exchanged with each other and secured at any connecting location on the framework.

25 (previously amended): A subsea drilling and production system as defined in claim 20, wherein a fluid conducting pipe comprises a structural part of the framework.